

**Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure:**

Please insert the Abstract of the Disclosure from the International application as attached on the separate sheet herewith.

## Abstract of the Disclosure

A soap composition containing in the range from 60 to 99 % by weight of the composition of a mixture of (i) 20 to 80 % by weight of alkali metal soap of straight chain C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> fatty acids, and (ii) 20 to 80 % by weight of alkali metal soap of branched C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> fatty acids, both based on the total weight of alkali metal soaps in the composition. The soap composition exhibits colour and odour stability without the requirement to include any additional stabilizers, preservatives or chelating agents normally present in soap.